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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, RH, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA-RHODESIA: PIK BOTHA DEMARCHE

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1. BRAND FOURIE CALLED ME THIS MORNING ON BEHALF OF PIK  
BOTHA TO SAY THAT BOTHA COULD NOT MEET WITH ME TO DISCUSS THE  
LUSAKA DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND THE  
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PRESS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO ANDY YOUNG AS HE HAD HOPED.  
I ARRANGED TO SEE FOURIE AT NOON.

2. FOURIE OPENED OUR MEETING BY EXPLAINING THAT BOTHA  
WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR WINDHOEK. HE WOULD STAY  
THERE UNTIL POSSIBLY TOMORROW MORNING AND THEN RETURN  
FOR MEETINGS HERE. FOURIE ASKED WHETHER WE WERE STILL

PLANNING TO PRESENT THE PROPOSAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30. I SAID THIS WAS OUR PRESENT INTENTION, AS I HAD EXPLAINED ON SATURDAY (CAPE TOWN 595). FOURIE AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESENTATION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING, VOLUNTEERING THAT THE CABINET MIGHT MEET DIRECTLY AFTERWARDS TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENT. HE INDICATED THAT BOTHA WOULD BE OUT OF THE TOWN FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND FOLLOWING. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS VOLUNTEERED REMARK WAS. IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT INDICATIONS OF WHAT ACTIONS THE SAG MIGHT BE PLANNING, I ASKED FOURIE WHETHER NAMIBIA MIGHT COME UP FOR DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK AND WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE MAKING A POLICY STATEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT NONE WAS PLANNED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF, BUT WITH THE SHOOTING OF KAPUWO IT WAS HARD TO PREDICT WHAT MIGHT OCCUR IN PARLIAMENT TO PROVOKE A DEBATE.

3. I THEN MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL CONCERNING THE ACTION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AT LUSAKA. HE ASKED ME FOR A COPY OF THE DECLARATION AND IMMEDIATELY TURNED TO PARAGRAPH 37 WHICH, IN REBUTTAL TO MY COMMENT ABOUT THE DECLARATION BEING LARGELY REPETITIVE OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, HE SAID WAS NEW. I CONCEDED THIS BUT ALSO NOTED THAT NOT ALL MEMBERS WERE IN ACCORD WITH IT (LUSAKA 1009). FOURIE NEXT ASKED ABOUT THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO ANDY YOUNG. I READ  
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HIM THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF LUSAKA 1001. HE MADE NO COMMENT.

4. AS I GOT UP TO LEAVE, FOURIE COMMENTED ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE KAPUWO ASSASSINATION. HE SAID THAT KAPUWO'S NAME HAD BEEN ON THE LIST CONTAINED IN THE FIRST CAPTURE OF SWAPO DOCUMENTS THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE CAPE TOWN FIVE (CAPE TOWN 0515). HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT MUDGE'S NAME WAS ALSO ON THE LIST. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATIONS WERE USELESS WHEN THIS KIND OF ACTION WAS TAKING PLACE. I REPLIED THAT WE ALL DEPLORE VIOLENCE. THE FACT THAT IT OCCURRED INCREASES THE IMPORTANCE OF A FINDING OF SOLUTION THAT WILL PUT AN END TO IT HAPPENING AGAIN. WHILE OUTRAGEOUS ACTS SUCH AS THIS INFLAME PUBLIC PASSIONS AND MIGHT BE USED TO ARGUE AGAINST AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, I HOPED THE SAG WOULD NOT CONSIDER TAKING STEPS OUTSIDE THE SPIRIT OF THE NEGOTIATION THAT WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM AND SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN POSITION IN THE WORLD. FOURIE MADE NO COMMENT.  
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